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1. THE WESTERN AUSTRALIAN PREMIER ANNOUNCED ON DEC 9 PLANS FOR AN AUSTDOLLAR 650 MILLION ALUMINA REFINERY TO BE ESTABLISHED IN WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

2. THE REFINERY WILL BE ESTABLISHED BY A CONSORTIUM THAT INCLUDES ALCOA OF AUSTRALIA, REYNOLDS METALS, BROKEN HILL PTY LTD AND NEWS LIMITED. IT IS REPORTED THAT THE CONSORTIUM MEMBERS ARE SEEKING ADDITIONAL PARTNERS, INCLUDING ONE FROM JAPAN.

3. THE REFINERY WILL INITIALLY TAKE APPROXIMATELY ONE MILLION TONNES OF ALUMINA A YEAR. CONSTRUCTION, WHICH SHOULD BEGIN IN 1977, IS EXPECTED TO TAKE AT LEAST TWO YEARS. REPORTS INDICATE THAT THE REFINERY SHOULD BE IN PRODUCTION DURING 1979. ALCOA OF AUSTRALIA HAS BEEN DESIGNATED TO CONSTRUCT AND OPERATE THE REFINERY.
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